

MINUTES OF THE GEOGRAPHIC RESEARCH AREA STAFF MEETING, 29 MARCH 1960

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PRESENT:

1. New Work

a. D/GG

A spot request received from WH is being incorporated into the formal Cuba project. DD/P has expressed some interest in the availability of information on international boundaries. Work is being planned on certain African country studies, which are to be done either as MR articles or GM's.

2. Travel Plans

a. D/GI 25X1A9a

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[REDACTED] will leave on 3 April for briefings at ACIC, St/Louis, and SAC, Omaha. It was suggested that they be briefed by [REDACTED] before leaving.

b. D/GG

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It is planned to send [REDACTED] on an area familiarization trip to the Middle East, starting some time in May.

3. Significant Conversations and Contacts

a. Already accomplished

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(2) [REDACTED] ONE

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[REDACTED] reported that the D/GG staff was briefed by [REDACTED] of ONE.

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b. Planned

(1) Andregg, AMS

25X1A9a [redacted] is scheduled to talk with Mr. Andregg of AMS about the coordination of City Plan production. [redacted] 25X1A9a suggested that he talk with [redacted] before going out to AMS.)

(2) PI "Keys" Project

25X1A9a [redacted] are to meet with [redacted] 25X1A9a on Thursday to discuss the PI "Keys" Project.

(3) Lecture at [redacted] 25X1A6a

25X1A9a [redacted] GG/F, is scheduled to give a lecture at [redacted] 25X1A6a as part of the Sabotage course.

4. Problems

a. D/GC

Because of the heavy work load, D/GC effort in the City Plans program has been reduced quite a bit.

5. AAG Meetings

25X1A9a Because of security considerations, the following personnel attending the AAG Meetings may not identify themselves as CIA personnel: [redacted] 25X1A9a [redacted] The others attending may if they so desire, but it was recommended that they avoid identification with the Agency to the extent possible. Those not identifying themselves are to use home address, cover that has been established, or other legitimate affiliation.

6. IGU Meetings

a. Meeting for Personnel Going to IGU

25X1A9a [redacted] reported that a meeting has been set up for Friday at 10:00 to outline specific objectives for personnel going to the IGU Meetings.

b. Post-IGU Travel to the Satellites

25X1A9a [redacted] reported that he has requested travel to Hungary, Rumania, and Bulgaria immediately after the IGU meetings. It is planned to request the same for [redacted] 25X1A9a in about two months. It is hoped that at least one of these requests will be approved.

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7. Task Force on Guided Missiles

A Task Force on guided missile problems, composed of some 70 ORR and OSI personnel, has been set up at the direction of the DD/I. This group is headed by [REDACTED] and will be located on the second floor of M Building. 25X1A9a

8. GRA Special Center Room

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Because of the GM Task Force, GRA will have to give up [REDACTED] 25X1A6a and will instead share [REDACTED] with [REDACTED] group. 25X1A9a

9. Inspector General's Survey on Career Service

Chief/G has been named to prepare the ORR reply to a recent survey made by the IG on the CIA Career Service. [REDACTED] asked that the 25X1A9a Division Chiefs look the Survey over and give him any comments they might have.

10. Power Position Paper

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[REDACTED] asked that we be sure to emphasize 1965 and 1970 situations in our contributions to the Power Position Paper.

11. Replacement for SA/RR

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[REDACTED] has been appointed Acting SA/RR vice [REDACTED] who has been detailed to SAC for temporary duty.

12. New Cover for Map Acquisitions Lists

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In answer to a question from [REDACTED] reported that additional samples are being prepared for possible covers for the Map Acquisitions Lists.

13. Trip Reports

An Office Notice will soon be issued with regard to trip reports. Now that only selected reports are to be sent to the DD/I, distribution will be determined by the Area office and the AD's office for each report.

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14. Geographic Attaches

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██████████ reported that ██████████ is scheduled to have completed his Paraguay mission and to arrive in Caracas today; ██████████ is presently 25X1A9a in Washington on home leave and for debriefing; and ██████████ is 25X1A9a scheduled to leave Washington on 1 April.

15. Map Servicing of the DD/I

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██████████ reported that he has spoken with the DD/I and other O/DD/I personnel on the servicing of their needs by the Map Library, and has fixed up some books of maps for the DD/I's use at high-level meetings.

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██████████ plans to talk further with OCI on these matters after he has made complete arrangements with the DD/I's office.